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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of June 7, 2022

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<https://www.dph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Today, there are over 143,400 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 881 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

SAN FRANCISCO BEGINS COVID-19 BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 WHILE ADDRESSING RACE EQUITY GAP IN PRIMARY VACCINE SERIES

DPH is recommending parents and caregivers to get children ages 5 to 11 a COVID-19 booster, now that this age group is eligible, to give stronger protection against the virus as cases continue to swell.

With federal and state approvals and recommendations for boosters in this age group finalized, San Francisco health providers have begun rolling out booster doses for the more than 32,000 children that are, or will be, eligible at five months past completion of their primary vaccine series. More than 73% of San Francisco children in this age group have completed the two-dose primary vaccine series.

However, the expansion to boosters for children is also a reminder that many San Francisco children remain unvaccinated. In February, DPH in partnership with community groups and the San Francisco Unified School District addressed the growing disparity in vaccination rates through a sustained campaign to reach families through community and school-based vaccine events. More than 2,000 children have been vaccinated since those efforts began, with improvements made in vaccinating children of color, though gaps still remain.

As cases swell again this spring, now is the time to get children up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations. While hospitalizations remain very low among children, becoming infected can cause disruptions to schooling and the work schedules of parents and caregivers, and can put people in a household who are medically vulnerable at risk for severe illness. The booster rate among older children 12 to 17 is 54%, the lowest of any age group (above age 12). DPH continues to strongly urge boosters for teenagers as well.

COVID-19 vaccines have been authorized for safe use in children ages 5 to 11 since November 2021



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and their effectiveness in preventing severe illness has been proven in the January surge, and during the current swell in cases. Boosters for this age group are the same Pfizer vaccine, at the same dosage, as those used in the two-dose primary series.

DPH is urging families to contact their primary pediatric health care provider first, if they have one, to access boosters for their children. Pharmacies are also offering booster vaccines for children aged 5-11 years. Those who need to get a booster at DPH-affiliated sites, can visit this link or check MyTurn (<https://myturn.ca.gov/>) for information on where to get one.

To continue to address the equity gap in primary series vaccinations, and to support uptake of booster doses for children who are eligible, DPH will support community and school-based vaccination sites in highly impacted communities and where test positivity rates are highest. DPH will also continue to coordinate vaccine access with pediatric primary care providers.

DPH is urging families to reconnect to primary care providers for COVID-19 vaccines, and for other needed vaccines and medical care and checkups. Primary care providers should now be the first resource for health care around COVID-19, as they are for other health care needs. Families who are disconnected from a primary care provider should call the COVID Resource Center for assistance: 628-652-2700.

To learn more about how to prevent infections and prepare for COVID, go to: [SF.gov/be-covid-ready](https://sf.gov/be-covid-ready)

The latest data on boosters in San Francisco can be [found here](#).

DPH RECOGNIZES GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

On Friday, June 3, staff at ZSFG Hospital gathered and wore orange in recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. This event is held nationally in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, just one week after performing at President Obama's second inauguration parade. Orange is the color that Hadiya's friends wore in her honor and is worn throughout the nation to raise awareness about gun violence. Orange masks, donated by the organization, [Everytown for Gun Safety](#), were given to staff and visitors at ZSFG, and hearts with the names of gun violence survivors were placed around the hospital entrances.

Organized by ZSFG Trauma Program Manager Sue Peterson, this event was also joined by Trauma Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Cuschieri, and Drs. Andre Campbell, Lauren Chalwell, Chris Colwell and Susan Ehrlich. Community and campus-affiliated organizations including the [UCSF/ZSFG](#)



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[Wraparound team](#), [The Moms Demand Action](#), and [United Playaz](#), a violence prevention and youth development program, also participated. Many also wore orange and joined the Walk Against Gun Violence across the Golden Gate Bridge on Saturday, June 4, bringing awareness to the issue of gun violence.

EXPANSION OF OFFICE OF MANAGED CARE SERVICES AT ZSFG HOSPITAL

DPH's agreement with Canopy Health has been renewed for another three years starting June 1, 2022. With this renewed agreement, DPH will continue piloting select OB services, including antenatal testing, OB triage/urgent care and OB deliveries, and allowing commercial patients who have selected Hill Physicians Medical Group (Hill) within the Canopy Health network to receive these services at ZSFG. Additionally, our HIV primary care clinic at Ward 86 has been added to the pilot and is now part of Hill under the Canopy Health network. The Ward 86 care model is centered around providing compassionate medical and psychosocial services for patients living with HIV and those at risk of HIV acquisition. Ward 86 co-locates primary, specialty, pharmacy, and behavioral health services under one roof for ease of access and comprehensive care delivery.

City employees who have selected CanopyCare HMO and Hill as their medical group through the City's Health Services System, and UCSF employees who have selected UC Blue & Gold HMO and Hill as their medical group, can now access these pilot services at ZSFG.

DPH DIRECTOR OF MANAGED CARE ACCEPTED TO CAROL EMMOTT FELLOWSHIP

DPH's Director of Managed Care, Stella Cao, is one of 22 women leaders accepted to the Carol Emmott Fellowship Class of 2022, a fellowship for women leaders in health which represents public and private healthcare systems, state departments of health, payers and academic medical centers across the country. Stella has also been awarded a full scholarship from the Carol Emmott Foundation to participate in the fellowship.

The Carol Emmott Fellowship is a signature initiative of The Carol Emmott Foundation, established in 2016, to honor Carol Emmott, the Founder and CEO of California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH). It is a prestigious, 14-month experience for exceptional women leaders who are making lasting changes in their communities and institutions, and serving as exemplary advocates for equity in the workplace and beyond. ZSFG CFO Jennifer Boffi is currently serving as a member of the Leadership Council of the Foundation.



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DPH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM REPORT SUBMITTED TO CDC MMWR FOR PUBLICATION

DPH's Environmental Health Branch (EHB) has a Water Quality Unit that oversees several regulatory programs in San Francisco. One of those is the Cryptosporidiosis Surveillance Project. Cryptosporidiosis is caused by the parasite *Cryptosporidium* and is transmitted via fecal to oral route or from consuming contaminated food or water. DPH conducts active surveillance of confirmed cryptosporidiosis cases among all residents in four counties in the Bay Area.

The EHB Water Program was curious whether the lock down during the COVID-19 pandemic would result in a reduction in the number of *Cryptosporidium* cases. They reviewed the data and found that between August 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, a total of 15 cases were reported, whereas in the previous 10 years the range was 31 to 74. After April 2021, the case counts for the program began to steadily increase closer to levels observed for the program prior to the COVID-19 pandemic response.

The EHB data was found to be consistent with reports of declines observed for reportable illnesses on a national scale during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is likely attributed to measures such as hand-washing, widespread adoption of disinfecting commonly used spaces, travel restrictions, social distancing and masking, shutdown of workplaces, schools, and dining/recreational facilities which may have all contributed to reducing the risk of infection and transmission of *Cryptosporidium*. EHB program staff, Mina Mohammadi, MPH, June Weintraub, ScD, have summarized these results and submitted a report to the Center for Disease Control's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report for publication.

ZSFG OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE RESEARCH PUBLISHED

Congratulations to Zuckerberg San Francisco General and UCSF colleagues Zaw Maung, Marissa Kristensen, Bridget Hoffman, and Mark Jacobson for the publication of their article "Temperature Screening of Healthcare Personnel is Ineffective in Controlling COVID-19" in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The researchers studied an estimated 6,000 health care personnel daily temperature screenings taken before entry to ZSFG's campus. What they found is that temperature screenings failed to identify people who were able to transmit COVID, and that self-reported symptom apps with tracking were more useful in managing COVID among health care personnel.

Read the full research paper at:

https://journals.lww.com/joem/Fulltext/2022/05000/Temperature_Screening_of_Healthcare_Personnel_Is.4.aspx



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DPH STAFF WILL BE HONORED AT THE 41ST ANNUAL GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the DPH honorees of this year's Good Government Awards! A project of SPUR (San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association), the Good Government Awards have recognized outstanding performances by managers working for the City and County of San Francisco for 41 years. This year's Honorees reflect the City's herculean COVID-19 emergency response efforts; the eight teams are comprised of 54 individuals representing 19 departments.

Our DPH nominees represent a diverse group of staff who contributed a broad and varied spectrum of skillsets and expertise in order to protect San Franciscans during the COVID pandemic. Because of their tireless efforts San Francisco has the lowest COVID mortality rate of any urban jurisdiction in the U.S.

2022 Good Government Award Honorees

Citywide Emergency Leadership

Ayanna Bennett

Public Health Emergency Operations

Jacque McCright

Drew Murrell

Baljeet Sangha

Jonathan Sears

Eduardo Sida

Tobi Skotnes

Alternate Housing

Kelly Hiramoto

Children and Learning

Ana Validzic

Public Information, Communications and Data

Lizzy Connelly

Erica Eilenberg

Trang Nguyen

Equity and Community Response

Isela Ford



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Tracey Packer
Aaron Yen

The honorees will be recognized on July 13, 2022 at City Hall.

SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK RECOGNIZES DPH AMBULATORY CARE NURSES

Each year, nurse leaders from the San Francisco Health Network select Ambulatory Care nurses to be recognized for their outstanding service in the categories *Nursing Excellence* and *Reducing Disparities in Health Care*. The network has been unable to present the awards during the last two years of the pandemic response, so in 2022 six DPH nurses have been recognized for their service to their patients:

Reducing Disparities in Health Care

Zar Ni Maw, Richard Fine Peoples Clinic

Elba Melara, ZSFG Obstetrics, Midwifery and Gynecology Clinic

Dana Lazarovitz-Thompson, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health

Nursing Excellence

Esteban Rodriguez, Castro Mission Health Center

Jamie Moore, Whole Person Integrated Care Supportive Housing Nursing

Crissy Wong, Sunset Mental Health

Congratulations to all of the awardees! We thank them for their dedication to our Health Network patients and to the art of nursing.

DPH NURSE MICHELLE TRUONG NOMINATED FOR ZSFG FACULTY AWARD

DPH would like to congratulate Michelle Truong, RN for her nomination for the 2022 Jane Bailowitz, MD Volunteer Faculty Award. Since 2010, this award has been recognizing volunteer ZSFG faculty for their outstanding assistance to the Medical Center. Michelle, who works in DPH's Behavioral Health Access Center and also for the Office of Coordinated Care, has over the past three years contributed to expediting the flow of hospitalized people into residential substance use disorder treatment. She has worked with the Addiction Care Team at ZSFG to develop screening tools and to systematize rapid transfers. Thank you to Michelle for going above and beyond to improve behavioral health services in San Francisco!

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SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER

May 2022

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(5/19/22 MEC)

	5/2022	07/2021 to 07/2022
New Appointments	1	119
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	79	562
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	7	141
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	16	121
Additions	11	97
Proctorship Completed	8	158

Current Statistics – as of 4/29/22

Active Staff 538



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Courtesy Staff	619
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	294
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,451

Applications in Process	74
Applications Withdrawn Month of May 2022	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 6/1/22 to 8/31/22	217